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1. It was expected in late October 1953 that the road from Gangtok, Sikkim, to Yatung (N 27-26, E 88-53), Tibet, would be completed in approximately three months. To meet this schedule, 2,800 laborers were being used. The completion of this road was to make it possible for small cars and jeeps to travel as far as Yatung.
2. In October 1953 the Bank of China paid eighty million rupees to Indian and Tibetan traders for consumer goods for shipment to Tibet.¹
3. At the end of September there were 25,000 Chinese Communist troops stationed in Tibet, with headquarters at Yatung, Lhasa and Ch'angtu (N 31-10, E 97-07).

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daily use (such as matches, soap, and similar supplies) and 120 Rolex watches which were to be sold to the Chinese troops in Tibet. Foodstuffs are also a part of this trade.

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Comment. In [REDACTED] another source reported that the Bank of China branches in Gyantse, Yatung, Gangtok and Kalimpong were offering loans, bearing little or no interest, to Tibetan merchants. It is not clear whether the payment mentioned above was in loans, or to purchase supplies.

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